As we draw to the close of another club year we have a lot to be thankful for. Sometimes those of us closest to a situation often do not realize the dimensions of what we are about. We have a very outstanding club. All you have to do is be in touch with multiple other breed clubs to understand that. We are blessed with a prolificacy of dedicated volunteers who place the breed and our club above the events of the show ring.

Our Health Committee has been cutting edge in supporting and arranging financial support for research pertinent to TT’s. Through their leadership we also lead the way in promoting testing to insure better health in our breed for generations to come.

The TTCA Rescue Committee is second to none and it would be impossible to chronicle the record they have accomplished in the last 5 years.

The Judges Education Committee works very hard to stress and inform judges that the TT Standard is the basis upon which our dogs are to be appraised in the show ring.

Our National Specialties are always a stellar event. The National Show Coordinator along with the individual show chairs and their committees do Herculean work to make our annual event outstanding.
TTCA publications, the Newsletter and the Journal are outstanding pieces of work that we all enjoy. These coupled along with our web site and Facebook page, provide our members extensive communications regarding the affairs of the club.

The list could go on and on, and these are but a few of the bodies of work that our volunteers do on behalf of the club and the breed.

Everyone should have received the 2013 Journal in December. Betsy Greaves did a great job. Producing the Journal is one of the most labor intensive volunteer jobs we have. We all owe Betsy a big “Thank You”!!

We will have significant changes in the 2015 Board. We are very fortunate that Ron Pankiewicz has agreed to serve as our President. Ron has many years of experience in the breed and the club. He served as President in the early 90’s and is very qualified to assume this position.

We are very fortunate to have three new first time Board members. It has long been our policy to bring as many new members into leadership positions as possible. This year we have a “bumper group”.

Sharon Hurd joins the Board as Recording Secretary. Sharon was our National Show Chair in Greensboro in 2013. She did a fabulous job and I know from experience that she is a “Work Horse”!!!!

We are privileged as well to have Dr. Paul Douglass join as a Director. Paul brings a wealth of professional experience coupled with a dedication to the TT that will serve our Club and breed well.

Rob Smith from California brings a new fresh (and may I say young!!!(and may I say young!) perspective to the Board. I admit that I do not know Rob personally but have been advised by multiple friends that Rob will be a great asset to the Board and the TTCA. Good luck Rob and sorry we will not be serving together.

Of course with the excitement of new members we sadly say goodbye to those who have served so ably and are retiring.

Elise Kind, our Recording Secretary, is retiring. I have gotten to know Elise very well since she came on the Board and it has been a real pleasure. Not only has she been an outstanding Recording Secretary, but she chaired the 2014 National and is our Newsletter Editor. Thankfully, she is going to continue to edit our Newsletter. Thank you Elise for all you have done.

Mike McLoughlin has been on our Board now for 4 plus years. Mike is one who very quietly, serves our club; volunteers for multiple jobs, does a great job without a lot of fanfare. It is members like Mike that make our club work.

Karen Sponable came on the Board in 2008 as a first time member. That was the first year that I returned to the Board after about a decade. We became instant friends (a Upper New York Yankee and a Southern Boy!!!!!! LOL). Karen has been the epitome of a dedicated Board Member. She has served on more committees, study groups, advisory groups than I can list here. She was Top 20 Chair, National Show Coordinator, Chair of Breeder Referral Revision Committee, Co-Chair Of National Show Revision Committee. All the while being an outstanding breeder and extensive successes in the show ring.

On a personal note, I am retiring after 5 years of serving as your President. It has been a great 5 years and I am more than fortunate to say that the overwhelming support I have had from the membership and our fabulous volunteers not only made my tenure pleasurable, but I feel we have developed a “team spirit” that was instrumental in what has been accomplished. Like many organizations, one or two persons can rarely accomplish what needs to be. I have said many times over and over, it is our selfless volunteers that make this club work.
President’s Message con’t

As we all age (and I certainly have) we are faced with losses that we all know are inevitable, but that doesn’t make it any easier. During my Presidency we lost two very good friends of mine and I know many of yours who in their own way made enduring contributions to the breed and the club. Anne Keleman, one of the icons of our breed passed away as did Dana Wray, the stalwart of TTCA Obedience. They are missed!

I wish the TTCA continued success and thank you again for the opportunity to serve.

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NEW YEAR'S OFFER ON DNATESTING

The Animal Health Trust values the continued support of the Tibetan Terrier community to the AHT’s canine genetic research and DNA Testing programme and in recognition we are pleased to offer the breed a special price on DNA testing from the 1st January 2015 for a fixed period of three months. We are offering all four tests for Tibetan Terriers (Primary Lens Luxation, Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinosis and two forms of Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA3 and RCD4)) for an overall combined price of £69 including VAT - individually the four tests would cost £168. This is the first time that we have offered a combination of four tests to breeders in any breed. The combination will be available through our Webshop (http://www.ahtdnatesting.co.uk). Owners will still be able to purchase individual tests at their current price throughout this period.

Dr Nigel Holmes
Tibetan Terrier Health Survey Launched

Every 5 years, the TTCA Health Committee, through the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, sponsors a comprehensive health survey of Tibetan Terriers in the United States. Anyone owning a Tibetan Terrier, even if not a TTCA member, is encouraged to enter their TT’s health information.

All Tibetan Terriers in the USA who are or were alive between 2009 and the present are eligible to be included. Breeders, please inform, encourage and assist your puppy owners to complete the survey. This is a wonderful reason to dialogue with your puppies’ families!

Our goal for the 2014-2015 survey is 700 responses, a 25% increase from the last survey. As a bonus, an anonymous donation of $1 to the Tibetan Terrier Health & Welfare Foundation will be given for every survey completed above the 2008 total of 557 responses.

The current number of OFA health survey respondents is:

**TIBETAN TERRIER 2014-FINAL**

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The survey is now open, closing on March 31, 2015 and can be found at the following web address:

http://www.offa.org/surveys/survey_tibetanterr_2014.html

Claire Coppola

www.RinChenTibetanTerriers.com

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

**1/27/15**

Everyone please assist the people you sponsor to ensure the forms are filled in correctly.

Members applying for REGULAR STATUS DO NOT SEND ME YOUR CHECK

The following people have applied for membership. If you wish, you may address comments regarding the applicants, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the Newsletter to:

Jean Allen, Membership Chairperson,
55 ½ North Main Street
South Hadley, MA  01075

ttcamembers@yahoo.com

Foreign Membership

Pat Delorme of Canada has been in TT’s for over 30 years. She is a breeder with Jane Reif as her mentor and currently has 5 TT’s. She is a member of CKC not AKC. Her mentors are Kate Stanuch and Jean Allen.

Regular Members

Janet Krynzel of Ohio has completed her one year associate level. She is not breeding and has no plans to.

I am going to be leaving as membership chair by May 2015. Anyone interested in assuming the position please contact me or any TTCA board member.

TTHWF Donations

Roni Siegal and Liz Angelino in honor of Echo
Claudia Martino in honor of Chaix, Simon, and Quinn and in memory of Bailey
Janet Krynzel in honor of every person who has fostered or rescued a Tibetan Terrier in need
Shari Glynn in honor of the loves of her life, Yogi and Sugar
Victoria White in memory of Chelsi
Deborah Kuntzman in honor of Nancy and Paul Sandford
Caroline McCullum in honor of Scarlet, and in memory of Tucker
Cindy Douglass in honor of Lee Bernstein and Tom Dotson
Ellen Berkman in honor of Camille Manfredonia, thank you for all you do
Elise Kind in memory of Jakes and Ida
Ron and Marge Wiley with thanks to Dina Manship Planche and her support of Tibetan Terriers
Gus Bernstein in memory of Maggie
Fran and Apple Kridakorn in memory of Sadie and Bella
Victoria White in memory of Chelsi
Anita Lamison in honor of Camille Manfredonia and her helpers across the country. Camille spends endless hours until she finds the perfect family for each TT without a home, no matter the circumstances. Her deep caring and concern for each little soul is amazing.
Anita Lamison in memory of Allie (Mommy's little baby girl), Jolie (Mommy's pretty princess), and Emma (M&M, Mommy's little piece of candy), who were so brave and courageous during their battles with NCL. They were full of love and trust on both good days and those not so good days. They always had an extra cuddle or smile to give no matter what they were going through.
Jean Allen in memory of Sissy # 5
Adria Martino and Eileen Clancy in memory of Sissy Numba Five and with deep appreciation for Camille Manfredonia and all the people involved in the Missouri rescue in 2009
THE FUTURE OF THE NATIONAL SPECIALTIES DEPENDS ON YOU!

We are reaching out to all TTCA members in order to be able to maintain the quality of our National Specialties. It has continued to become a huge problem in finding people willing to take on the position of Show Chairman. This has been for a good reason, it was too much work for just one person! Those that have achieved this daunting task must be congratulated but most would never do it again! Because of this your Board of Directors has pledged to work at making improvements, mainly in the form of committees to help handle the many aspects of a quality National Specialty. These committees need people to work as a support team for a National, and in some cases may even need to do the work needed in their specific area. Below are a list of the committees we are putting together, along with the Board member who is heading up this area, their email address & phone number. We are asking everyone to help!

Please contact the person organizing the specific committee and volunteer! Without your assistance we may see our National Specialties become nothing more than just another class at a dog show! This would be a tragedy! Even if you have never been fortunate enough to attend a National Specialty, we can always use your help! Our future is up to you!

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As you can see above we do not even have enough help in the Board to handle what we need to cover. So if the areas above do not have a person assigned, contact me if you could take one of these roles. If we get no help with things like performance or Parade of Champions, you may see them disappear from our National Specialties. PLEASE HELP!

Betsy Richards
1st Vice President
DELEGATE’S REPORT by Stacey La Forge

The December 2014 Delegates Meeting was held in Orlando, FL. Much of the discussions focused on the upcoming AKC Board elections, which will take place at the next meeting in March. Running for the three vacancies are Robert Amen, Dr. Carmen Battaglia, Dr. Thomas Davies, Steven Gladstone and Dr. Gregory Paveza. If anyone has comments on any of the candidates, please feel free to email me.

The Chairman’s report hinted at a program to be launched next year. Breeders in this program will supposedly agree to perform applicable health screens as recommended by the Parent Club, comply with the AKC Care and Conditions Policy including inspections, comply with all applicable laws and regulations regarding the ownership and maintenance of dogs, and complete continuing breeder education courses provided or approved by the AKC on an annual basis. It sounds like the crux of this program will be the focus on health testing as well as the development of an online resource for breeder education which is intended to serve the needs of all breeders and potential breeders, from 4-H and FFA youth to the most experienced AKC Breeder of Merit. I intrigued to hear how this will be accomplished, and am anxious to hear more specifics about this program in March.

In good news, the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship will have televised coverage on the Lifetime Network. Apparently, it will be somewhat of a different format than in the past. The 2 hour program includes Best in Show, Best Bred By, Best Veteran, ACE Awards, Agility, Obedience, Junior Showmanship, Breeder of the Year and Meet the Breeds.

In other interesting news, the President’s report outlined a space reduction in the North Carolina facility, couple with a increase in staff that will be working remotely.

There was a vote on a Field Trial rule, and in March, we are scheduled to vote on an amendment to the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, would change the timeframe at which the limited registration must be removed for a dog to compete in a breed competition. Currently, the limited designation must be removed prior to the closing date. This amendment would make it the day of the show rather than the day of the closing date, when the dog would have to have a full registration to compete.

The next meeting will be in Newark, NJ in March.

UPDATE ON THE AKC REUNITE PET DISASTER RELIEF TRAILERS

The TTCA continues to raise money to support the AKC Reunite Pet Disaster Relief Trailers. (For more information on the program and how to donate, see: http://www.ttca-online.org/html/AKCreunite.html)

In addition to the funds donated by the Club, and those directly donated by individuals, Fran Kridakorn has independently run a fundraising effort, selling specially designed t-shirts and other items, with the profits going to AKC Reunite for the TTCA supported trailers. Fran has gone above and beyond to raise money and awareness of this important cause, and while in Orlando, Fran presented an $800 check to AKC Reunite in support of the TTCA sponsored trailers!

So far, enough money has been raised to put the TTCA logo on 3 trailers, and (at last count) we are less than $200 away from being able to help sponsor a fourth trailer! A trailer has already been deployed with the TTCA logo in Calvert County, MD. The TTCA is also helping to sponsor a trailer in the county of San Diego, CA. The San Diego trailer will be presented at the Del Mar Fairgrounds in conjunction with the Silver Bay Kennel Club shows.

Plans are underway to sponsor a third trailer in Natrona County, WY, an area plagued by wild fires. Longstanding TTCA member Brenda Peters is spearheading the effort to bring this trailer to the Casper area. The Rocky Mountain Tibetan Terrier Club very generously joins TTCA in helping to sponsor this trailer. We are so proud and excited that the WY trailer will carry both the logos of the TTCA and the RMTTC.
THANK YOU to everyone for their support!
Emergency Preparedness Is For Pets, Too.
Suzanne Wille
Kirsten Stewart (Copy Editor)

If you watch the news, you know natural disasters can strike without warning. Emergency preparedness is key to survival and it applies to pets, too. Add in the personal emergencies that affect only your own family and individual dog(s), e.g., a death in the family or a sudden illness or accident, and you have arrived at how important it is to create and maintain a family emergency kit before disaster strikes.

Thought processes tend to shut down due to shock and fear. As such, a previously prepared ER kit takes away some of the burden of remembering and collecting important necessities when in a state of crisis, and when time is crucial.

There are a few additional things you can do ahead of an emergency to protect your entire household. One can pre-establish a designated caregiver and the locations of safe havens for all of you, or just your dog(s); establish caregiver agreements with friends and family; and locate hotels that accept pets and boarding kennels you trust. Contact the ASPCA for their Animal Inside Rescue Sticker to put on your front door.

The following starter ER kit has multiple parts and storage requirements. Remember, these kit suggestions are not about the survival of something like a major Yellowstone National Park eruption, which would destroy half of the northern hemisphere, and part of southern, hemisphere. After all, no one can protect themselves and loved ones from all things. However, the kit groupings could be critical for weathering disasters (e.g., hurricanes) personal emergencies and accidents while traveling with your TT.

Quantities of many of the items depend on the number of dogs involved. Consider needs of first responders, i.e., you. Check expiration dates and refresh batteries every 6 months. Some items, such as food and water, need to be rotated weekly or monthly. Large items should be stored near the car. Others should be stored inside the car or near the garage. Purchase items from stores that supply paramedics, police or fire departments because it is cheaper, of higher quality and you can select the sizes and quantities of each item while eliminating items you don’t need that are found in commercial kits. Doing so saves waste, space and money. Keep your cars’ gas gauges at half full at all times and have a five-gallon can of gas at hand. Make a detailed list of all items and where they are stored. Make another list of all the items with expiration dates and battery life information, and check them twice yearly. Tape these lists to the inside of a kitchen cabinet where everyone can see them. Frequently update the printed copy of your TT’s medical history, vaccination records, etc. Consider designating an out of the way area in your home for only emergency supplies.

**ITEMS**
- Current dedicated emergency use-only credit card.
- Telephone number for issuer of the credit card. $500.00 cash, or more if you can.
- Banking telephone and account numbers.
- Compass, GPS and road atlas.
- Cell phone car battery charger.
- Frequently updated health records.
- Current vaccination record and state license.
- Rabies certificate.
- Micro chip # and hot line telephone number.
- ID tags and recent photograph of your TT(s).
- Name and telephone # of your vets.
- Telephone #’s of emergency contact people.
- Poison Control Hotline telephone numbers.
- Recipe for skunk attack, which works.
- Stethoscope.
- Digital rectal thermometer with sleeves.
- Laminated card with canine vital statistics.
- Small notebook with pen/pencil.
- Hemostat.
- Tourniquet with stick: a wide nylon slip collar works. 60 cc syringe, with casing.
- 6 cc syringe, with casing.
- Latex gloves.
- Tweezers or tick remover.

**CANINE VITAL STATISTICS CARD.**

Pulse: taken in groin under hind leg.
Count for 15 sec. then X by 4. 
Small dogs: 90-120 bpm.
Medium dogs: 70-110 bpm.
Large: 60-90 bpm.
Temperature: rectal, with digital thermometer.
Normal: 100.0-102.5 degrees.
Water intake for healthy dogs.
Adults: 1 oz. per pound of body weight.
Puppies: 4 oz. every 4 hours.
The higher the temperature, the more water.

**POISON CONTROL HOTLINES.**
- Free, Kansas State University Teaching Hospital.
  785-532-5679
  800-213-6680
- $65 fee. ASPCA.
  888-426-4435
ER Kit Continued
Needle nosed pliers, remember porcupines?
Scissors.
Penn light with spare batteries.
Commercial Snake Bite Kit.
Large empty water spray bottle for heat stroke.
Mylar solar blanket.
Large towel and small blanket.
Food and water bowls.
Disposable garbage bags and paper towels.
Water proof doggie boots.
Extra leash and collar.
Duplicates of favorite toy and chew bone.
Small spray bottle of Bitter Apple.
Break open heat compress.
Break open cold compress.
Tubular stretch bandage to hold compresses.
2” rolls of self stick first aid tape.
A handful of 2” to 3” sterile gauze compresses, many.
Adhesive tape.
4” to 5” splints and tongue depressors.
Individually wrapped sterile antiseptic wipes.
6 to 9 mth. old baby socks for placing over bandages.
Hydrogen Peroxide.
Baking soda.
Ivory soap.
Styptic powder or pen.
Benadryl with pill cutter.
Sterile saline solution to flush wounds and eyes.
Lanacane antibiotic spray.
Triple antibiotic ointment.
Benadryl itch cooling spray.
Liquid Simethicone for bloat.
Vet. approved over-the-counter pain medication.
Prescription medications.
Case(s) of rotated bottled water.
Rotated canned, dry or freeze-dried dog food.
Rotated food enzymes for possible new foods.
Rotated Pedialyte: good for shock and dehydration.
Water purification tablets.
Dog car crate.
Gas fueled generator.
Five-gallon can of gas.
Empty water container.
Large flashlight with spare batteries.
Fold-up snow shovel. Tire chains.

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I was voted in by the TTA membership to judge their Championship Show to be held on November 1, 2014. Like us, show judges are voted on at least two to three years ahead of this actual date. The next step was for me to gain the approval of the Kennel Club (of the U. K.). I had to submit verification of my prior judging experiences, particularly of the Tibetan Terrier. AKC does keep comprehensive records for each judge, so that was easily attainable and verifiable.

Approval was granted. I asked for and received the K. C. rule book, which I read and reread. It is quite different in procedure than what we do here in the United States. Gary answered questions for me. He judged T. T.’s at the British Utility Breeds Association show in 2012. Also, I was fortunate to sit at the Big E with a judge from the U. K. who now lives here in the U. S. We visualized the ring and walked an entry through from beginning to end.

A great thrill was to find out the entry was 215. I felt very confident that it would be a great day. It was the largest entry their club had received in ten years, and to the best of our knowledge the largest single day entry of T. T.’s ever judged by an American judge anywhere. I was so proud. Now to do it. What an honor!

The ring was a wonderful size and I had a steward who was very organized. There were 19 puppies in some of the early classes. All were so well behaved on the table and on the move. What a pleasure. Attesting to temperament – as I examined the face and the front I would receive a butterfly kiss or a tail wag from many.

People whose entry had already been judged stayed and applauded for their fellow exhibitors. It was a big day and moving right along was necessary. However, everyone received a thorough examination. They were moved in a triangle, down and back and around.

Pictures and notes were taken of the placements after every class. A critique had to be written after the show for at least dogs awarded first and second place in each class. The Kennel Club and their Dog News publication require this. At the end of the day a CC (Championship Certificate) is awarded to the Best Dog, and one to the Best Bitch Reserve CC’s in both sexes

Additional awards are presented for
- Best Veteran, and Reserve
- Best Puppy, and Reserve
- Best Brace.

There are only seventeen Championship shows a year for T. T.’s in the U. K. These are shows where CC’s are awarded. You must win three of these to become an English Champion. This is not an easy task because the already made up Champions compete along with the others in the regular classes.

The final winners on this day were:
Best In Show – Ch Kybo Kick Boxer
Owners – Roberts, Price, and Whitehead
Reserve BIS – Ch Alilah’s Very Impressed at Waterly
Owner – James
Best Puppy – Araki Lets Glow Together
Owners – Maurice, Smith, and Cooper
Best Veteran – Boshanti Detwyla at Abelenus
Owner – Hindle

This assignment was a dream fulfilled. It was a huge responsibility but also a glorious experience and a great privilege.

Pictured are:
on left – Best in show and winner of Dog CC, with Owner Handler David Roberts
on right – Reserve Best in show and winner of Bitch CC, with Handler Glenn Davies
back row – Fiona Whitehead (co-owner of BIS), Susan Carr (Judge), Mark James (owner of RBIS)
I wonder how often we – as breeders, exhibitors or judges – stop to consider how easily we become accustomed to changes within a breed? In some cases these changes can actually become so engrained in a breed that they are elevated to the level of desired characteristics, even though they might be quite alien to typical and necessary and actually at odds to the relevant Breed Standard. It is generally the case that such changes begin with dogs shown by well-known exhibitors or handlers, as these so often set the benchmark that others gladly follow.

How do changes come about? They begin with the breeder who produces a litter that gets to an age where the puppies need to be evaluated. The breeder who fully understands his breed is looking at every puppy in terms of the Breed Standard and what is correct for the breed. In most breeds “moderation” is a requirement that is desirable in many aspects, and it is the consistency of moderation throughout any animal that will contribute significantly to its balance, and the impression that everything fits and flows. However, occasionally there will be a puppy who has something about it that always catches the eye, and invariably that “something” tends to be an exaggeration of some kind or another ... too long a neck, too short a back, too refined or overtyped a head, excessive rear angulation ... and here is where the danger lies. The totally steeped-in-the-breed breeder will see this exaggeration for what it is and will discard the guilty puppy as being alien to correct type. Many others, possibly less experienced and less committed to THE BREED, however, will be realistic enough to acknowledge that the exaggeration, which is constantly catching his eye, will also catch the eye of the judge when the dog hits the show ring. And so the puppy is kept, nurtured, schooled and groomed.

As soon as a dog whose type deviates from correct starts winning, the ball is set rolling. That dog appears in the big ring and other judges comment on its great bone, long neck, fabulous angulation, ultra-short back, high tail set, fantastic profile, great open side-gait or whatever, even when these may not be breed-specific attributes. They reward it when they get it, and others follow suit. In due course breeders see this dog and all the winning it is doing, and they think that they had better start breeding something like it. They rush off to use said dog, and within a matter of years the rather deviant type has got a foothold in the breed.

It takes a little time, but soon judges arrive at a situation where they get a class of six dogs – five of them are of the “new” rather off-beat type; one is completely correct. The knowledgeable and constructive judge will know enough about the breed to be able to say with conviction “This one is right – the others are wrong” and judge accordingly. Many other judges, however, perhaps lacking depth of knowledge of that breed, will take the easy option, assume that the five must be right as they form the majority, and the sixth dogs gets left out of the awards.

This particularly applies to size in a breed. So many of our breeds have, over the years, got bigger, maybe because of improved nutrition, and very gradually size has crept up. As we only routinely measure or weigh a handful of breeds that have more than one variety determined by size this increase is barely noticed. However, when some dedicated breeder puts in the ring a dog that is of absolutely correct size in terms of its Breed Standard it is criticized by other exhibitors as being small. In truth, this is the correct sized dog, it’s just that the others are noticeably over size.

At this juncture the dedicated breeder who has always been intent on maintaining type and simply intensifying quality begins to get, with good reason, frustrated. He knows what he is breeding is correct, but the numbers of those who are drifting away from type are such that other breeders, exhibitors and judges seem to be going with the flow, and he is left swimming upstream.

This has happened in several breeds in Britain and beyond, and I have seen many “old time” breeders reduce their exhibiting activities dramatically, simply because they feel it is pointless showing dogs under judges who just don’t understand breed priorities. Yet these are the very breeders who SHOULD have stock in the ring, so that those who do have independent minds can see and appreciate it.
When dogs with major faults – usually of the “attractive” kind – continue to win and be bred from, newer breeders will see no reason to correct and improve. Why should they? These dogs are winning. Those who own the “modern” dogs can usually talk the talk, and provide convincing arguments as to natural evolution and obvious improvement. In some cases strong-minded individuals can actually be instrumental in persuading breed clubs to change the breed standard to fit these new dogs ... a heinous crime in anyone’s book. And then of course there is the power of advertising!

Sadly many of the breed changes we have witnessed are pleasing to the average eye – so what if a dog is too necky, too hairy, too upright, too short, too long? It looks pretty and the judges like the look!

Although showing dogs is today, in truth, more about chasing Challenge Certificates, ribbons and points than it is about preserving breeds, the show ring should remain the breeders’ shop window. It would be sad to think that genuine breeders who are keen to maintain true breed type could not find the dogs necessary to perpetuate correctness in the next generation.

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2015 National Specialty

Two Specialties - One Location

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May 18-22, 2015
BOXBOROUGH, MA

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Monday, May 18
AKC Agility Trial
Surefire Dog Training Center
Westborough, MA
Judge Christine McNamara
Trial Secretary Kathleen Rupprecht
Board Meeting
Welcome / Hospitality

Tuesday, May 19
CGC Testing
Rally Obedience Workshop
by AKC Rally/Obedience
Judge Tibby Chase
Breed Handling Seminar - “The Winslow Way”
by Rose Chandless
assisted by Caryl Crouse
“Puppy Culture” Seminar
by Jane Killion
Top 20 Invitational

Wednesday, May 20
AKC Obedience & Rally
Judge James Ashton
4-6 Month Puppy Class
Judge Robert “Bruce” Smith
Puppy & Veteran Sweeps
Judge Jeffrey Langevin
Futurity
Judge Kathleen Stanuch
Junior Showmanship
Judge Jeffrey Langevin
Breeders Class
Judge Kathleen Kolbert
Auction Dinner

Thursday, May 21
All Regular Conformation Classes
Judge Judith Daniels
Annual Meeting

Friday, May 22
Northeast Specialty
All Regular Conformation Classes
Judge Glenn Davies
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Judge Stacey La Forge
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THE WINSLOW WAY
Handling Seminar
Tuesday, May 19th

Introducing the unique and exciting approach to train and handle your show dog in an effective professional manner. The WINSLOW WAY is presented by Rose Chandless, founder and a professional handler for 35 yrs. and her assistant, Caryl Crouse who took her Tibetan Terrier to #1 Owner Handler in breed.

No Ordinary Handling Class!!! Topics include:

EVALUATION/SELECTION - How to select the show candidate. Breed purpose, the right dog for the right reasons. Canine Structure- function of the parts individually and in concert.

BALANCE - Visual Balance - use of visual perception as an exhibiting tool. Getting that "balanced picture" for Judge's view. Physical Balance - how to maintain body balance accentuating the virtues for better movement and presentation. Learn the value of "muscle memory".

ENERGY TRANSFER – Canine communication: positive vs. negative. Attitude and Body Language is the conduit for energy.

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RING NAVIGATION – What gait speed to use in approved AKC patterns to perfect your presentation.

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Two Specialties - One Location
2015 TTCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY & NORTHEAST SPECIALTY
May 18-22, 2015
Boxborough, MA
Join Tibby Chase, Rally Judge and instructor, for a fun and interactive rally obedience workshop. We will focus on three areas to help improve you and your dog’s rally performance and/or help your ‘debut’ in rally:

GETTING THE BEST OUT OF YOUR RING EXPERIENCE – pre-ring protocols, getting and maintaining your dog’s attention and moving efficiently through the course;

SHARPENING YOUR HANDLER SKILLS – using rules to your advantage and improving verbal and non verbal cues;

PRACTICING SPECIFIC RALLY EXERCISES – clarify descriptions of exercise descriptions and execution.

The workshop will include short demonstrations, discussion, lots of practice. We will end with a nested course for each participant to run at their level. Both new and experienced rally handlers welcome. Beginner dogs should have basic obedience skills. Bring lots of treats — clickers welcome — good humor required!

ABOUT TIBBY CHASE, OBEDIENCE/RALLY JUDGE
I have been involved with dogs, dog training and corgis for over 40 years. While obedience and rally are my first love, I have successfully trained and showed dogs in tracking, herding, agility and conformation. I love the challenge of training and showing one dog to a breed championship and titles in a variety of performance activities. I have been judging AKC obedience since 1990 and Rally since 2004. I have been honored to judge obedience and rally at multiple breed specialties throughout the country, including the Tibetan National in 2010, as well as the AKC Invitational.
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Don’t Miss the
AKC Tibetan Terrier Agility Trial!

held in conjunction with the 2015 TTCA National Specialty
at Surefire Dog Training Center, Westborough, MA
Monday, May 18, 2015

This TT agility competition spotlights the versatility (and occasionally, the humor) of our breed. Watch as TTs from all over the country navigate tunnels, jumps, and other obstacles set out in Judge Christine McNamara’s course. Kathleen Rupprecht, a TTCA member and AKC agility judge who regularly competes at the AKC Invitational, will be our Trial Secretary.

All TT lovers are invited to come, watch & ROOT THE AGILITY TTs ON!

“PUPPY CULTURE”
Seminar by Jane Killion
Tuesday, May 19th

We are excited to announce that dog breeder, professional dog trainer and author, Jane Killion will be presenting a brand new seminar based on her new DVDs
“Puppy Culture: The Powerful First 12 weeks That Can Shape Your Puppy’s Future”.

Stay Tuned for More Information on the Seminar!

For more information on the “Puppy Culture” DVDs, see www.puppyculture.com
Support your trophies!

We are very excited this year to have beautiful trophies with Tibetan Terrier motifs created and hand painted by Gail Richardson, SGR Gallery. We are also supporting the second day of shows with a Yankee Candle theme. One of a kind books and toys will also be on our list. There are trophies for everyone. Your one donation will support both days. We will have a master list and everyone will be acknowledged.

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I’m assuming you’re a dedicated breeder, who puts a lot of time, money, and energy into combining what you believe is the best genetic material when you do a breeding. You back that up by giving your bitch the best prenatal care and nutrition possible, and then follow through with sound rearing, nutrition, socialization, and training for the puppies. You’ve done everything you can, and the rest is up to the genetic roll of the dice, right?

Well, maybe not.

**BORN LEADERS OR KILLER GENES?**

Genes, which many people think of as written in stone, can switch on and off or express themselves very differently depending on environmental influences. Thus, the same gene can express itself as a negative trait or a positive trait, depending on environmental input, especially very early in life. Take, for example, the aggressive variant of the human MAO-A gene, otherwise known as the “Warrior Gene.” At its base, this gene causes people to respond aggressively and have less fear, and also create less empathy for others. Given a supportive, nurturing childhood environment people with this variant grow up to be our presidents and community leaders, make energetic and wonderful spouses and parents, and tend to be financially successful because they have the competitiveness and focus to rise to the top. If, however, an individual with this variant of the MAO-A gene is exposed to a severely traumatic
event very early in life, he has a high risk of becoming a sociopath or even a serial killer.

Now, your dog may never grow up to be president or a mass murderer, but is it possible that early environmental influence can determine the difference between the dog that shows like he owns the ground he stands on and the dog that’s such a sonofabitch that you need to take Xanax and a good insurance policy into the ring to show him?

The study of environmental influence on genetic expression is still in its infancy, but there’s overwhelming evidence that early experiences and input can affect the way genes play out. But that’s not even the beginning of the story.

SINS OF THE FATHERS
Rats who were repeatedly exposed to a smell and then given a mild electrical shock, began to respond fearfully when exposed to that smell, even if the shock was not administered. Not exactly mind blowing information, but consider this - when those male rats were bred, their offspring showed fear in the presence of that smell, and when those offspring were bred, their children also showed fear in the presence of that smell. So that traumatic experience was literally encoded in the male rat's DNA and passed down through the generations. Now that's mind blowing.

SMART GENES
The rat study seems to indicate that the genetic material that is passed from generation to generation can actually adapt to environmental influence in a way that maximizes survival for the subsequent generations. This drops a bomb in the already contentious nature vs nurture debate, and has given scientists and dog breeders pause for thought. Now do we not only have to consider the rearing of the puppies and the care and comfort of the mother, but of the father, and of both grandparents and who knows how far behind that.

The influence of environment on the genetic material of fathers has been demonstrated again and again in humans, although the mechanisms for this change are not yet well understood. For instance, a Swedish study indicated that men who experienced famine before puberty were less likely to have grandsons with diabetes or heart disease than men who had access to normal amounts of food before puberty. A study in the UK found that fathers who began smoking before age 17 were more likely to have obese children.

The bottom line is, we can no longer think of the sires of our litters as hermetically sealed vessels to carry genetic information from one generation to the next. - their care, upbringing and experiences are important to the future of their children, grandchildren, and possibly beyond.

WISDOM FOR THE WHELPING BOX
So what is the practical implication of all this? While epigenetics in dogs is just now starting to be examined, there are some reasonable inferences about what we should be doing with our breeding stock to maximize positive qualities in our dogs' genetic material.

I. Keep your bitch calm and comfortable - It’s been proven time and time again that stressed mothers give birth to more stressed offspring with decreased learning and memory, and those offspring may display more negative behavior traits. Here's some ways you can reduce stress and help your bitches be good moms:

I. Listen to your bitch: Some bitches like having the support of their “pack” when they’re in whelp or have a litter, and some bitches just really appreciate a private, quiet area away from the hustle and bustle of the rest of the house. If she wants a private room, give it to her. If she doesn’t want dogs near the door to her room, put baby gates up to create a buffer zone.

II. Go ahead, spoil her - even if you’re a top down kind of person, maybe you want to let a few things slide during this time. It was lucky enough to learn from some great breeders who’ve been at this for a long time. These breeders were very traditional and ruled their household with an iron fist. Yet, when they had a bitch in whelp or with puppies, they dissolved into a loving, gentle and caring experience.

That's the wisdom of the ages coming through. Try a little extra indulgence and letting things go instead of correcting your bitch when she’s pregnant and anand whelping box duty. It will go a long way toward reducing her stress.

II. Vitamin L: Cuddle and stroke your bitch as much as possible. There’s some evidence that puppies from mothers who received caressing and affection during pregnancy give birth to more docile puppies, and those puppies may enjoy being stroked and
touched more than puppies from mothers who did not receive this kind of touching and affection. Our girls get very clingy when they're in whelp and the fact is they're probably craving some good love vitamins for their puppies. We use a 48” whelping box for our Bull Terriers so we have room to lie down in it and stroke our girls, both before and after they whelp.

2. Shield Your Puppies During Their Critical Period - At least the first 12 weeks of your puppies' lives should be carefully scripted by you. Challenges and stress-provoking stimuli should be introduced in carefully and scientifically sound doses, and the puppies' environment should be stimulating, but very carefully protected from any really traumatic or frightening experiences. In our DVD, "PUPPY CULTURE: THE CRITICAL FIRST 12 WEEKS THAT CAN SHAPE YOUR PUPPY'S FUTURE" we go in great detail on how to craft this kind of optimal experience for your puppies in their first 12 weeks, but here's a couple of tips that most people overlook:

I. Wide open spaces - Make sure your bitch always has a way to get away from her puppies if she needs to. Never close your bitch in with the puppies and force her to stay. A keening swarm of puppies who eat like they have hollow legs can be too much for some bitches. You want to give your mom a chance to escape rather than have to confront the Mongol hoards. Certainly, she should be able and allowed to jump out of the whelping box or weaning pen and leave the puppies behind. Better yet, you can also build a platform in the weaning pen if you have a large area - it's a great way to let her stay with her puppies yet get away from the little darlings when she needs a break.

II. Respect The Double Edged Sword - The emotional sensitivity that will allow a puppy to be socialized and accept something with as little as one exposure during the critical socialization period, cuts both ways. It will also allow the puppies to imprint a bad experience in as little as one exposure. If you're ever in doubt as to whether anything might be too frightening for your puppies, or if people you have ever can be trusted not to scare or handle the puppies roughly, or whether your neighbor's dog really
is a nice dog for the puppies to play with, always, always, always err on the side of caution and pass up on that interaction. Keep all interactions with people and dogs positive during this time.

It's not been proven that negative experiences during the critical socialization period will negatively influence DNA, but given the research which shows that male rats can pass down an acquired fear of a smell to their kids and grandkids, it's a really good bet that a traumatic experience during the start of a puppy's life could have a similar effect. Why take the chance?

DADS MATTER
I think collective wisdom is there that we need to give our bitches a stable, healthy, and loving environment for them to produce stable, healthy, and loving puppies. Science is really just confirming what good breeders already have been intuitively doing long before anyone studied it.

But the thought that this kind of nurturing environment could be vitally important to the sire's DNA is thought provoking and new, and I would certainly encourage breeders to start thinking about how a stable and loving environment for a stud dog, whether it's one you choose or one you own, might influence the genetics of his progeny for generations to come.

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For further reading and citations to the studies in this article and many more:

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